

BOARD HISTORY.

CORNELIUS BOARD, OF BOARDVILLE, N. J. (1730.)

FIRST GENERATION.

125000. CORNELIUS BOARD. He came from Sussex, England (o. Wales), with his wife Elizabeth and two sons, James and David, in 1730, to discover copper mines for Lord Sterling, and settled first at Bloomfield, Essex Co., N. J., and later at Boardville, Pompton Township, Passaic County, N. J. He was a civil engineer and surveyor. Cornelius Board, the original Board emigrant, came to America from England in the year 1730. He was sent out under the patronage of Alexander Lord Sterling to search the mountains of northern New Jersey and southern New York for copper ore. He traveled up the Ramapo Valley, and on one of the head waters of the Ramapo creek he found not copper but iron in great abundance. The place of this find of iron ore he named Stirling after his patron, and he built there a forge in the year 1730 to 1736. The first iron made in that part of the country was made by Cornelius Board, and it is absolutely certain that this first Stirling Forge was the beginning of the works that later made iron for cannon and balls used during the Revolution; also for the great chain stretched across the Hudson at West Point. Original documents are deposited with the county clerk of the County of Orange, N. Y. These are in the shape of sworn evidence given at a great land line trial held in Chester in the year 1785, during which trial James and Joseph Board, sons of Cornelius, gave testimony from which are quoted the facts mentioned above as to the time and manner, etc., in which Cornelius Board came to America.

The Record of Deeds at Perth Amboy, N. J., says:

"Cornelius Board, on 17th of August, 1732, bought 150 acres of land 'at the little falls of Pisaack'. James Alexander, Surveyor General."

The History of Iron in all Ages in Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society for 1891, says:

"Cornelius Board was seeking for copper mines and bought, in 1732, 157 acres of land, half a mile along the Passaic River, at Little Falls, evidently in connection with a proposed iron industry. He also bought in 1737 several tracts along the Wanaque and Ringwood rivers, evidently for the iron in them and for water power. He sold in 1740, to Ringwood Company—the Ogdens of Newark—16 acres at Ringwood for £63."

The History of Orange County, N. Y., by E. M. Ruttenber and L. H. Clark, says:

"Cornelius Board and his sons owned the land in the Pompton Valley, consisting of some fifteen hundred acres."

Records in office of the Secretary of State at Trenton, N. J., say:

"Cornelius Board and Elizabeth, his wife, gave a deed April 15, 1740, to Josiah Ogden and others of 16 acres at Ringwood. Witness, James Board."

"Jonathan Davis and Joseph Bertram, trustees of Cornelius Board, give deed to Elizabeth Board of Ringwood, Bergen County, N. J. Mentions will of Cornelius Board in which Joseph Board is sole executor (Jan. 29, 1744). James Board one of witnesses to deed, May 6, 1754."

"Joseph Board, of Bergen County, to Nicholas Gouverneur and others; 'Part of tract surveyed to Cornelius Board, deceased, on the 28th of Feb., 1739,' being same tract deeded to Elizabeth Board by Jonathan Davis and Joseph Bertram, trustees of Cornelius Board. Feb. 1, 1764."

"Jonathan Davis and Joseph Bertram, trustees of Cornelius Board, deceased, to Walter Ervin. May 6, 1754."

Probate Records say:

"Cornelius Board, by will, left property at Ringwood, Bergen Co., to be divided among his three sons. Ample provision is made for his 'kind and loving wife, Elizabeth Board,' and after all debts are paid, 'the remaining part of my personal estate is to be divided into four parts as near in quality as possible,' and these four parts he gives and bequeaths one each to his four daughters. Youngest son Joseph made sole executor."

Records at Perth Amboy, N. J., say:

"John Burnett to Cornelius Board, deed for 150 acres. Recorded in Liber K, fo. 260. Mich. Kearney, Dep. Sur.

"Deed. This indenture made the seventeenth day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred thirty-two, between John Burnett of the City of Perth Amboy in the Province of New Jersey, merchant of the one part, and Cornelius Board, of the County of Essex, and Province aforesaid, Gent. of the other part, witnesseth that the said John Burnett, for and in consideration of the sum of sixty-seven pounds ten shillings current money at eight shillings per oz. to him in hand paid by the said Cornelius Board. The receipt whereof, he, the said John Burnett doth hereby acknowledge, and himself to be therewith fully satisfied and contented for himself, his executors and administrators forever, doth by these presents acquit, release and discharge the said Cornelius Board, his executors and administrators forever. He, the said John Burnett, Hath granted, bargained, sold, released and confirmed to the said Cornelius Board, his heirs and assigns, one hundred and fifty acres of land in common in the Eastern Division of the Province of New Jersey to be taken up, surveyed and ascertained to the said Cornelius Board, his heirs and assigns, at his or their election in any place or places unappropriated in the said Eastern Division of New Jersey being part of the said John Burnett, his second Dividend of Land in common in the said Eastern Division of New Jersey in right of the half Proprietary which he holds and is seized of in virtue of — conveyance Robert Gordon Cluny. Together with all and all manner of woods, underwoods, trees, mines-minerals, Quarries, Hawkings, Huntings, Fowlings, Buildings, Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the same, one hundred and fifty acres of Land belonging or in any wise appurtenant, and all the Estate, right, title, interest, possession, property, claim and

demand whatsoever in Equity as in Law of him, the said John Burnett, of, into or out of the said bargained premises or any part or parcel thereof. To Have and to Hold the said one hundred and fifty acres of land and premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto Him, the said Cornelius Board, his heirs and assigns to the sole and only proper use, benefit and behoof of him, the said Cornelius Board, his heirs and assigns forever, and the said John Burnett for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators doth covenant and agree to, and with the said Cornelius Board, his heirs and assigns, that the said John Burnett at the time of the sealing and delivering of these presents is lawfully and rightfully seized of the said bargained, one hundred and fifty acres of Land and premises of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in the Land in fee simple and hath in himself, good right, full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain and sell the same to the said Cornelius Board, his heirs and assigns in manner as aforesaid.

"In Witness whereof the parties to these present Indentures have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year above written. Sealed and delivered in the presence of Rob. Montgomerie, Thos. Jackman.

JOHN BURNETT. [Seal.]

"Be it remembered that on the seventeenth day of August, 1732, came before me, Thomas Jackman, one of the Witnesses to the within Deed and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he saw John Burnett, party to the within Deed, seal and deliver the same as his act and deed.

"K. L. HOOPER.

"May 10th, 1733. returned the within to Cornelius Board in — at the little falls of Pisack.

"BY JAMES ALEXANDER, Surveyor-General."

The following is a copy of the Will of Cornelius Board and of Letters of Administration thereof granted to James Board by Jonathan Belcher, Esq., Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief, etc :

"In the name of God, Amen. I, Cornelius Board, of the County of Bergen, in the Eastern Division of the Province of New Jersey. Yeoman, being sick and weak of body, but of sound disposing mem-

Sarah Board, her heirs and assigns forever; and the remaining fourth part I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Martha Board, her heirs and assigns forever.

"Item—I nominate, constitute and appoint my loving son, Joseph Board, sole Executor of this my last will and Testament.

"Item—I nominate and appoint my trusty and beloved friends, Jonathan Davis and Joseph Bartram, trustees of this my last Will and Testament, and I desire my Executor out of Brotherly love and my Trustees of this my last Will and Testament out of neighborly love, to see the same performed according to the true intent, design and meaning of the same, and I do hereby disannul all former or other Will or Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and allowing this to be my last Will and Testament.

"In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and forty-four and five.

"Signed, COR. BOARD. [L. S.] .

"Signed, Sealed, pronounced and declared by the said Cornelius Board, to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us who hereunto subscribe our names in the presence of the Testator.

"ROBERT STURGEON, v. d. m.

"JOSEPH BARTRAM.

"GERRIT ^{his} + FRYZGARRIL,"
mark

The foregoing is a true copy examined by Thos. Bartow, Esq., Secretary.

Letters of Administration of the Will of Cornelius Board, Granted to James Board :

"Jonathan Belcher, Esq., Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, etc.,

"To James Board, eldest son of Cornelius Board, late of Bergen County, deceased, sendeth greeting :

"Whereas, the said Cornelius Board in and by his last Will and Testament (a true copy whereof is hereunto annexed) appointed his son, Joseph Board, sole Executor thereof, which Joseph is a minor

of the age of ten years as is said, and the said Will having been duly proved before Uzal Ogden, Esq., thereunto authorized is now approved and allowed of by me, and he, the deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his death goods, chattels and credits within this Province, I desiring that the goods, chattels and credits of the said Deceased may be faithfully administered and disposed of according to the said Will,

"Do grant unto you, the said James Board, in whose fidelity in this behalf I very much confide, full power by the tenor of these presents to administer the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased and faithfully to dispose of them according to the intent of the said Will, during the minority of the said Joseph Board, that is to say, until he shall arrive at the age of seventeen years; also to ask, collect, levy and receive the debts whatsoever which unto the said Deceased while he lived and at the time of his death were due, and to pay the debts whatsoever of the said Deceased so far forth as the goods, chattels and credits can thereunto extend, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists well and truly to administer, and to make and exhibit a true and perfect inventory of said goods, chattels and credits and to render a just account of your administration.

"Requiring you to exhibit the said Inventory unto the Secretary's Office at Perth Amboy on or before the seventeenth day of January next ensuing, and to render an account of your administration at or before the seventeenth day of October then next following; and I do ordain, depute and constitute you the said James Board, Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said Cornelius Board, Deceased, according to the true intent of the said Will and during the minority of the said Joseph Board.

"In testimony whereof I have caused the prerogative seal of the said Province of New Jersey to be hereunto affixed the eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven.

"THOS. BARTOW, Regt."

He died in 1745 in Bergen County, N. J. Residence, Boardville (now Erskine), N. J.

Children :

125001. James. Born in 1720 in England. 125100.

SECOND GENERATION.

125100. JAMES BOARD. (Cornelius.) 125001. He was born in England. He came to America in 1730, with his father Cornelius and brothers David and Joseph, and settled in Ringwood, Passaic Co., N. J. They were managers of the iron-works at that place. He married Jane (o. Ann) Schuyler (daughter of Capt. Philip Schuyler (son of Arent Schuyler) and Hester Kingsland, daughter of Isaac Kingsland of New Barbadoes Neck, Bergen Co., N. J.). She was born Oct. 6, 1728 (o. 1727) (o. 1729). James Board's house was the welcome and hospitable stopping-place for officers and soldiers of the Continental army during the Revolutionary War.

The Records in office of Secretary of State at Trenton, N. J., say:

"James Board, of Bergen Co., gives deed May 28, 1750, to Philip Tyce."

"Will dated Sept. 18, 1803; proved Dec. 13, 1803. Children. Philip, Cornelius (heirs of son James). Executors, son Cornelius, friends, William Colfax and Adrian Post."

The records say:

"James Board had Letters of Administration from Jonathan Belcher, Esq., Captain-General and Governor-in-chief in and over His Majesty's Province of New Jersey, on his father's will during the minority of his brother, Joseph Board, at that time, 1747, a minor of the age of ten years."

Commissioner to sell confiscated property in Bergen County, N. J., records of his sales in that capacity bearing dates of 1779

and 1784. He signed an article including an "Abjuration of the Papacy" May 23, 1755. He died in 1803. She died March 31, 1816. (See Schuyler's Colonial New York. Kingsland Genealogy in Winfield's History of Hudson County, N. J.) Residence, Ringwood, Passaic Co., N. J.

Children:

- 125101. Cornelius. Born Feb. 21, 1762. 127000.
- 125102. Phillip. 127050.
- 125103. James. Born in 1763. 127100.
- 125104. John. Died Dec. 21, 1792.
- 125105. Elizabeth. Married Henry Post. 127110.
- 125106. Peter A. 127120.
- 125107. Hester. Born in 1765. Married Capt. Phineas Heard. 127135.
- 125108. Nancy (o. Ann). Born in 1767. Married Anthony Dobbin. 127150.

125125. MAJ. DAVID BOARD. (Cornelius.) 125002. He was born in 1727 in England. He came, in 1730, with his parents and brother James to America and settled at Ringwood, Bergen (now Passaic) County, N. J. He married (1st), Hannah Kingsland (daughter of John Kingsland and Hannah Crane, Hon. Isaac Kingsland, Member of the Council of New Jersey, and Elizabeth his wife, of New Barbadoes Neck, Bergen Co., N. J. Hannah Crane was the daughter of Jasper Crane, will 1749, of Newark, N. J., John Crane died 1694 aged 59, Jasper Crane, one of the original settlers of New Haven Colony and signed first agreement June 4, 1649, was a member of the General Court, and also a magistrate for many years, removed to Branford, 1652; will 1678). By her he had a son Joseph and a daughter Eleanor. He married (2nd), Mary Ford. By her he had a son Nathaniel. Major and Paymaster in a New Jersey Militia Regiment in the Revolutionary War. The records show a deed given in 1788 to David Board by Thomas Machen and Elizabeth, his wife, of Ulster County, N. Y. He owned lands in Miami, Ohio. He left, by will, a large estate. Will dated April 30, 1798; proved Feb. 15, 1799, in Bergen County, mentions wife Mary and children Nathaniel, Cornelius, David, Joseph, James and Eleanor (wife of Peter Dey). He was chosen member of Committee of Correspondence and Observation, Sept. 21, 1775. Member of Assembly, 1776 and 1786 (o. 1778-91). (See Stryker's Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War. New Jersey Archives. Records in the office of

THIRD GENERATION.

127000. CORNELIUS BOARD. (James², Cornelius¹) 125101. He was born Feb. 21, 1762, at Ringwood, N. J. He married (marriage license Aug. 27, 1785), Annas (o. Annis) Board. 125151. Soldier in Bergen County, N. J. Regt. in Rev. War. He, with his brother James, removed soon after the Revolutionary War to Chester (then Goshen), Orange County, N. Y., and purchased some 300 acres of land in Sugar Loaf Valley, upon which Cornelius resided the remainder of his life. He was one of the incorporators of the Goshen and Munroe Turnpike Company, 1823-4. He died Sept. 5, 1830. She died April 5, 1845. Residence, Chester, N. Y.

Children :

- 127001. James. Born Jan. 12, 1786. Died young.
- 127002. Phebe. Born July 21, 1787. Married John Wood. 135000.
- 127003. Ann. Born July 30, 1789. Married Mills Davis. 135020.
- 127004. Elizabeth. Born Dec. 23, 1791. Married Gabriel Wisner. 135035.
- 127005. Joshua. Born Nov. 12, 1793. Died young.
- 127006. John. Born Dec. 1, 1794. 135050.
- 127007. Thomas Beach. Born Sept. 12, 1797. Died young.
- 127008. Mary. Born Nov. 29, 1799. Married Gabriel Wisner. 135035.
- 127009. Joseph. Born Sept. 17, 1801. Died young.
- 127010. Caroline. Born Aug. 22, 1804. Married Jesse Bull. 135065.

127050. PHILIP BOARD. (James², Cornelius¹) 125102. He married. Soldier in Bergen County, N. J. Regt. in Rev. War. He is said to have removed to Kentucky.

Children :

- 127051. Elizabeth.
- 127052. William.
- 127053. John.